THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) The allocation and lifting for BPL families and wheat sold for export by F.C.I. is as under:—

Fig. In lakh MTs

Year	Allotment	Lifting	Export Sale
2000-2001	63.82	25.08	18.76
2001-2002 (Upto June, 2001)	15.71	5.30	14.24 (31.7.2001)
Total	79.53	30.38	33.00

Out of 33 lakh MTs allocated for exports, 28.99 lakh MTs has been shipped by the PSUs/Agencies till 31st July, 2001. Also for each of the months of July, August, and September, 2001, 6.40 lakh MTs of wheat has been allotted for the BPL families. A total quantity of 19.84 lakh MTs (upto 22.6.2001) has been exported to Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Oman, Philippines, South Korea and UAE by PSUs/agencies.

(c) The wheat was exported because (i) lifting of wheat under the BPL/APL categories by various State Governments/U.T.s were much below the allocation; (ii) it obviated deterioration of stocks and (iii) helped vacate storage space for further procurement. However, the following steps were also taken by the Government to improve off take of wheat from the Central Pool:—

(1) Enhanced Allocations of foodgrains for BPL families w.e.f. July 2001 from 20 kg. to 25 kg. per family per month under the T.P.D.S.

(2) Supply of foodgrains at BPL rates for various welfare schemes.

(3) Free of cost allocation to drought affected States for employment generation programmes.

(4) The Antyodaya Anna Yojana Scheme has been launched to supply rice and wheat at Rs. 3/- and Rs. 2-/ per kg. respectively to the poorest of the poor families.

Demutualisation of future trading of sugar

2600. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to opt for complete demutualisation in future trading of sugar;

(b) if so, whether Government have also asked the applicants to have non-trading partners as at least one third of the members on their board; and

(c) whether Government are considering to have the entire process changed to pick *momentum in sugar policy?*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (c) The Government, while permitting futures trading in sugar recently, decided to select only modern, well organized, professionally managed Exchanges that have 'online' system of trading; efficient clearing, settlement and guarantee systems; transparency in operations and decision-making; reliable effective and impartial management, preferably demutualised form of organization. Complete demutualisation is not one of the criteria laid down, while representation of non-trade interests in the management is stipulated for effective and impartial management. The Government is committed to decontrol the sugar industry in a phased manner with increasing deregulation of sugar sector.

Violation by Sugar Mills in free sale quotas

†2601. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sugar mills are selling more sugar in the open market than their quota released by Government;

(b) whether Government have given notice of taking legal action against them after identifying such mills;

(c) if so, the results thereof;

(d) the action being taken against the mills which are violating laws frequently, the number of such mills and details thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken so that mills do not behave like this in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Based on the reports received from various quarters regarding sale of sugar in the open market without valid release orders, the Central Government deputed various officers to verify the position regarding sugar stocks and sale and despatch of sugar by the factories. So far, out of 113 sugar factories, 14 factories were found *prima-facie* violating the release orders and they had been issued show cause notices.

The Government of India, besides adjusting the excess sales made by the factories by way of giving zero or reduced releases in subsequent months to the factories who had violated the release orders is also challenging the court orders either through LPA or through SLPs in appropriate courts. In the case of Pratappur sugar mills, the Delhi High Court has admitted the LPA filed by the Government of India and stayed the

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.